

**CHAPTER 5****RANK INSIGNIA, BADGES AND EMBELLISHMENTS****Introduction**

1. This chapter sets out policy in relation to rank insignia, official unit/squadron badges, logos, cap badges and embellishments worn by members of the Permanent Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air Force Cadets (AAFC) (where applicable) and former Air Force members on the occasions when they are authorised to wear RAAF uniform.

**AAFC UNIFORM AND EMBELLISHMENTS**

2. Because AAFC officers, instructors and cadets are not members of the RAAF, a requirement exists to differentiate between the uniforms of these two organisations. The general identifying insignia worn by AAFC personnel are set out in Annex A. The AAP 5110.001 - AAFC Manual of Management provides specific details of AAFC uniform entitlements and insignia.

**RANK INSIGNIA****Wearing of Rank Insignia**

3. Rank insignia is to be worn on all uniforms. Annex B describes RAAF rank and classification insignia and details the positions in which they are to be worn.

**BADGES AND EMBELLISHMENTS****Policy on Wearing of Badges**

4. Only approved RAAF badges, as detailed in this Manual, may be worn with RAAF uniform. The wearing of unapproved badges or embellishments on the RAAF uniform is not permitted. All badges and embellishments worn on either the RAAF uniform or AAFC uniform must be authorised for wear by DCOORD-AF.

**Badges Awarded by Another Service**

5. A member who has qualified for the award of a badge or other dress embellishment during previous service with the RAN, Army or other forces, before their appointment or enlistment in the RAAF, may be granted permission to wear the RAAF equivalent of that badge on their RAAF uniform. However, if no equivalent RAAF badge exists, then the original badge may not be worn. Both the Navy submariners' badge and the Army Infantry Combat Badge fall into this category; accordingly, **neither may be worn on the RAAF uniform.**

6. Members who consider they have an entitlement to wear a badge as a result of previous service, including service with a foreign armed Service, are to apply through normal Service channels to Air Force Headquarters (DCOORD-AF) giving details and providing appropriate documentary evidence of their prior qualification (ie, certified true copies of graduation certificates, extracts from log books etc). Members are not to wear any badge until approval is granted.

**Restrictions on Wearing RAAF Badges and Insignia on Other than RAAF Uniform**

7. RAAF badges and insignia, including brevets, are awarded and worn primarily in recognition of a special skill acquired during RAAF service and, as such, should be worn only on the RAAF uniform. RAAF badges and insignia, therefore, are not to be worn on other Services' uniforms nor are they to be worn by other non-Defence uniformed organisations, such as police forces, fire services etc.

8. This restriction does not prevent another Service or organisation from allowing a former member of the RAAF to wear their equivalent badge (if one exists), similar to the provisions of paragraph 4. However, authorisation is the sole prerogative of the particular Service or organisation concerned.

**Aircrew Brevets**

9. Details regarding the award, wearing and withdrawal of RAAF brevets are provided in Chapter 6.

**Warrant Officers Disciplinary Badge of Office**

10. WODs are authorised to carry a rosewood pace stick with brass fittings as their badge of office.

**UNIT BADGES AND UNIT LOGOS****Unit Badges**

11. A unit badge comprises of the RAAF standard frame, with the heraldic charge or device displayed in the centre of the frame and the motto shown in the scroll at the base. The unit title occupies the upper half of the frame and the words 'Royal Australian Air Force' occupying the lower half. The operational function of a flying unit is not to appear on its badge. Approvals for unit badges are to be staffed to AFHQ (DCOORD-AF) in accordance with DI (AF) ADMIN 10-18.

**Reproduction of Unit Badges**

12. When reproducing the unit badge onto a patch, the badge is not to exceed eight centimetres in diameter or width/height. The reproduction is to be a faithful representation of the original unit badge.

**Position of Unit Badges**

13. Unit badges, when worn, are to be positioned immediately above the name patch on:
- a. Dress No 7 – CWD or overalls;
  - b. Dress No 10 – Firefighter's Dress;
  - c. Dress No 11 – Health Services dress;
  - d. Dress No 13 – Catering Services Dress; and
  - e. Dress No 15 – Flying Dress;

**Unit Logo**

14. A unit logo comprises a design depicting an emblem of significant relevance to the unit illustrating a design connecting them to their role, an event during its history, or a feature of its geographical operational area. The logo is not to be placed within the RAAF standard frame but may be manufactured on any shaped designed patch, not exceeding eight centimetres in diameter or width/height. Requests for unit logos are to be forwarded to AFHQ (DCOORD-AF). Unit logos are only permitted down to Unit level, flight and section level logos will not be approved.

**Position of Unit Logos**

15. Unit logos are to be positioned as follows:
- a. On the front of squadron caps;
  - b. On the upper left breast of squadron tee-shirts – ground crew;
  - c. On the upper middle chest area of squadron tee-shirts – air crew.

**Flying Badge Logos**

16. Flying badge logos are worn 2 cm below the shoulder seam of the right sleeve of flying suits and jackets.

**Cummerbunds (Mess Dress)**

17. Unit badges and logos may be sewn on the reverse side of cummerbunds but may only be displayed, with PMC's/CMC's approval, when the circumstances are appropriate. At dining-in nights, such badges may not be displayed until after the loyal toast.

**Skill at Arms Badge**

18. **General.** The skill at arms badge is awarded for rifle marksmanship with the F88 Steyr. The award is only available to personnel who have qualified as a marksman after 1 Aug 97. Local commanders should arrange a formal presentation so that the individual's achievements are accorded due recognition.

19. **Eligibility.** The skill at arms badge is to be awarded to personnel who qualify as a marksman in the Applied Marksmanship Practice (Live Fire Practice 18 of the Manual of Land Warfare 2-4-9). The qualifying standard for marksman is a score of 240, or better, out of a possible score of 300.

20. **Conditions of the Award.** Personnel are to requalify for the award not sooner than one year from the initial qualification, but within two years of the initial qualification. If personnel fail to requalify within the required period the badge is to be removed. The award is permanent once the holder requalifies.

21. **Positioning of the Skill at Arms Badge.** The skill at arms badge is worn on the SD shirt, TD shirt, MD Tropical shirt, SD tunic, utility jacket and the mess dress jacket, on the upper left sleeve. The badge is stitched as an oval patch positioned centrally on the upper left sleeve, so that the top of the crossed rifles is 8 cm below the shoulder seam. The Air Force Blue coloured patch is worn on SD Shirts, MD Tropical Shirts, SD Tunics and Utility Jackets, a drab version is worn on Tropical Dress and a Gold Bullion on either a white or dark blue background is available for Mess Dress jackets.

**RAAF Ensign Flag Patch**

22. The RAAF Ensign flag patch is worn centrally on the upper left sleeve, 2 cm below the shoulder seam. This patch is worn on:

- a. Dress No 7 – CWD or overalls;
- b. Dress No 10 – Firefighter's Dress;
- c. Dress No 13 – Catering Services Dress; and
- d. Dress No 15 – Flying Dress.

**Cap and Hat Badges, Bands and Flashes**

23. Members are to wear the cap and hat badges, bands and distinguishing flashes as described, and in the positions prescribed, at Annex C.

**Badges and Embellishments for Collars, Lapels and Shoulders**

24. An entitled member is to wear distinguishing badges and embellishments on collars, lapels or shoulders as described, and in the positions prescribed, at Annex A.

**Australian National Flag (ANF) Patch**

25. RAAF members serving overseas are to wear this embellishment. This patch is worn on the left upper sleeve of outer garments when appropriate or when ordered, positioned centrally with the top of the patch 2 cm below the

shoulder seam.

### Parachutist Badge

**26. Eligibility.** Members who have successfully completed an approved Australian Defence Force parachute training course are entitled to wear this embellishment.

**27. Position and Remarks.** The following types of embellishments are to be worn as detailed:

- a. **Air Force Blue Cloth Badge.** The Air Force blue cloth badge is worn on the upper right sleeve on all items of SD, and MD Tropical, stitched as an oval patch positioned centrally on the sleeve so that the top of the open parachute canopy is 8 cm below the shoulder seam.
- b. **Gold Bullion Badge.** The gold bullion embroidered badge is worn on the upper right sleeve of the Mess Dress jacket, positioned centrally on the sleeve so that the top of the open parachute canopy is 8 cm below the shoulder seam.
- c. **Drab Cloth Badge.** The drab cloth badge is worn on the upper right sleeve on Tropical Dress stitched as an oval patch positioned centrally on the sleeve so that the top of the open parachute canopy is 8 cm below the shoulder seam.

### Armlets for Duty Personnel

**28.** Duty personnel are to wear authorised distinguishing armlets on the left arm above the elbow. The armlets authorised are described at Annex E.

### Annexes:

- A. Badges and Marks for Collars, Lapels and Shoulders
- B. RAAF Rank and Classification Insignia
- C. Headwear and Associated Accoutrements and Embellishments
- D. Brassards

## BADGES AND MARKS FOR COLLARS, LAPELS AND SHOULDERS

## EAGLE AND CROWN BADGE

1. **Officer.** Gilt metal badges of an eagle surmounted a crown are worn by officers as follows:
  - a. **Mess Dress (MD).** Eagle and crown badges are worn on Air Force Blue AUSTRALIA shoulder boards, positioned centrally on the board with the bottom of the badge 6mm above the top (inner) row of gold lace rank braid (except for special arrangement for Marshal of the RAAF).
  - b. **Ceremonial Dress (Attaché and ADFA).** Eagle and crown badges are worn on the Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' shoulder boards, positioned as for MD.
2. **Officer Cadets.** Eagle and crown badges are worn on Air Force Blue AUSTRALIA shoulder boards, positioned centrally on the board with the bottom of the badge 6mm above the top of the white gorget patch.
3. **Warrant Officer.** Gilt metal badges of an eagle surmounted by a crown are worn by warrant officers as follows:
  - a. **Mess Dress (MD).** Eagle and crown badges are worn on the Air Force Blue AUSTRALIA shoulder boards, positioned centrally on the board midway between the top of the coat of arms insignia and the button, except for the WOFF RAAF which are worn midway between the top of the coat of arms insignia and the laurel wreath.
4. **Flight Sergeant and below and NCO Cadet.** Gilt metal badges of an eagle surmounted by a crown are worn by flight sergeants and below and NCO cadets as follows:
  - a. **Mess Dress (MD).** Eagle and crown badges are worn on the Air Force Blue AUSTRALIA shoulder boards, positioned centrally on the board midway between the top of the insignia and the button
  - b. **Crew Attendants.** Eagle and crown badges are worn on the Air Force Blue AUSTRALIA Shoulder boards positioned centrally between the top of the rank insignia and the gold button on the top of the shoulder board on vests.

## MEDICAL BRANCH BADGE

5. **Medical Branch Officers.** Gilt metal Medical Branch badges of a winged Rod of Aesculapius surmounted by a crown are worn as follows:
  - a. **Service Dress (SD) Tunic.** The badges are worn on the collars of SD tunics, positioned centrally between the inner and outer edges of the collar with the bottom of each badge 2.5cm above the inner end of the step opening of the lapel. The staff of each badge is to be parallel to the inside (rolled) edge, and midway between such edge and the outside edge of the collar.
  - b. **Mess Dress (MD) Jacket.** On MD jackets, the badges are to be worn on the collars positioned centrally between the inner and outer edges of the lapel, with the bottom of each badge 2.5cm above the inner end of the step opening of the lapel. The staff of each badge is to be parallel to the inside (rolled) edge, and midway between such edge and the outside edge of the collar.
  - c. **Mess Dress (Tropical) Shirt.** When MD Tropical is worn (white short-sleeve shirt), the badges are positioned diagonally on the collars of the shirt.
  - d. **Rank Slides.** The badges are worn on the appropriate colour 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides on the shoulders of all shirts, dresses, utility jackets, sweaters, cardigans and overcoats. Positioned so that the bottom of the staff of the badge is 1cm above the top (inner) row of rank braid with the staff centred parallel to the slide. For ranks above WGCDR, where there is insufficient space above the rank braid to position the badge in this manner. It is positioned on the rank braid so that the top of

the crown of the badge is 5 mm from the edge of the top (inner) row of rank braid. For medical undergraduates, the badge is positioned on the white gorget patch on the slide so that the bottom of the staff of the badge is level with the bottom (outer) edge of the gorget patch.

### **Chaplain Branch Badge**

6. Chaplain Branch badges of a maltese cross in black metal with gilt wings and 'RAAF' in a wreath superimposed over the centre of the cross are worn as follows:

- a. **Service Dress Tunic.** The badges are worn on the collars of SD tunics, positioned so that the bottom of each badge is 1.5 cm above the inner end of the step opening of the lapel. The upright of the cross is to be parallel to the inside (rolled) edge, and midway between such edge and the outside edge of the collar.
- b. **Mess Dress Jacket.** On MD jackets the badges are worn on the collars, positioned so that the centre of the top of each badge is 2.5 cm above the inner end of the step opening of the lapel. The upright of each cross is to be parallel to the inside (rolled) edge, and midway between such edge and the outside edge of the lapel.
- c. **Mess Dress (Tropical) Shirt.** On the MD Tropical white short-sleeve shirt, the badges are worn on the collars. The bottom of each badge is positioned 3 cm above the collar point, with the upright of the cross centrally and evenly placed on the collar and diagonally bisecting the angle of the point of the collar.
- d. **Rank Slides.** The badges are worn on the appropriate colour 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides on the shoulders of all shirts, utility jackets, sweaters and overcoats, positioned centrally on the slide so that the bottom of the badge is 6 mm above the top (inner) row of rank braid.
- e. **DPCU.** A Cloth black cross on a DPCU background is affixed to the collar tips of the DPCU shirt.

### **SECPOL Badge**

7. The SECPOL badge is a fob badge worn on the left breast of SD and CWD outer garments when there is a need to identify the wearer as a SECPOL member performing his or her duties. Normally, this badge is attached to the left pocket button of the relevant garment; however in the case of sweaters and cardigans, the badge is to be attached to a black button sewn on in a position equating to that of the left pocket. The SECPOL badge is not to be worn in messes or on parades.

### **'AAFC' EMBROIDERED SHOULDER FLASH**

8. The AAFC embroidered shoulder flash is worn by AAFC Officers and instructors On the upper sleeve of the SD tunic positioned centrally 2.5 cm from the top of each sleeve.

### **'AAFC' RANK SLIDES**

9. **Eligibility.** The 'AAFC' rank slides are to be worn by Air Force Cadets Officers and Instructors.
10. **Position and Remarks.** This rank slide is to have an embroidered white ribbon, 1 cm wide at the base of the rank slide with 'AAFC' in dark/blue embroidery.

### **'AAFC' SHOULDER BOARDS**

11. **Eligibility.** The 'AAFC' shoulder boards are to be worn by Air Force Cadets Officers and Instructors.
12. **Position and Remarks.** This shoulder board is to have a white ribbon 1cm wide with 'AAFC' in gold embroidery, positioned at the base of the shoulder board.

**Appendices:**

- 1.** Rank Insignia - Commissioned Officers and Officer Cadets
- 2.** Rank Insignia - Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Airmen/Airwomen Classifications and NCO Cadets
- 3.** Australian Defence Force Badges of Rank

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## RANK INSIGNIA - COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND OFFICER CADETS

Rank/classification	Rank Identification
Marshal of the RAAF	One row of broad braid and four rows of medium braid.
Air Chief Marshal	One row of broad braid and three rows of medium braid.
Air Marshal	One row of broad braid and two rows of medium braid.
Air Vice-Marshal	One row of broad braid and one row of medium braid.
Air Commodore	One row of broad braid.
Group Captain	Four rows of medium braid.
Wing Commander	Three rows of medium braid.
Squadron Leader	One row of medium braid, one row of narrow braid and one row of medium braid.
Flight Lieutenant	Two rows of medium braid.
Flying Officer	One row of medium braid.
Pilot Officer	One row of narrow braid.

### POSITION OF RANK INSIGNIA - COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

1. **Tunics.** Rank insignia is worn on the lower sleeves. The braid is positioned 9.5cm from the cuff to the centre of a single row of braid or to the centre of the rank display when two or more rows of braid are worn (ie, to the centre point of the total measurement of the rows of braid plus intervals). The interval between each row of braid is to be 3mm.
2. **Rank Slides.** Rank insignia 'AUSTRALIA' slides are to be worn by all personnel for wear within Australia and overseas. Rank insignia is worn on:
  - a. Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides on all shirts (other than Tropical Dress and DPCU items), Women's SD dress, utility jackets, blue-grey sweaters, cardigans, overcoats and men's safari suit jacket;
  - b. Drab 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides are worn with men's Tropical Dress;
  - c. Disruptive pattern 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides are worn with DPCU; and
  - d. Jungle green or sage green 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides are worn on Flying Dress.

### Mess Dress

3. Mess Dress rank insignia is worn in the following manner:

- a. Excepting the Marshal of the RAAF, rank insignia of half width gold lace rank braid is worn on Air Force Blue AUSTRALIA shoulder boards. The first row of braid is positioned 5mm above the AUSTRALIA, with a spacing of 3 mm between each subsequent row of braid. Eagle and crown badges also are worn on the boards in accordance with Annex C.
- b. The Mess Dress shoulder boards for all officers of air rank, including Marshal of the RAAF, incorporate a laurel wreath in gold bullion embroidered around the button hole.
- c. The Marshal of the RAAF wears an embroidered gold bullion representation of the special rank insignia on Air Force Blue AUSTRALIA shoulder boards.

**4. Ceremonial Dress (Attaché and ADFA).** Rank insignia of half width gold lace braid is worn on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' shoulder boards. The first row of braid is positioned 5 mm above the gold embroidered 'AUSTRALIA' mark, with a spacing of 3 mm between each subsequent row of braid. Eagle and crown badges also are worn on the boards in accordance with Annex C. For all officers of air rank, a laurel wreath in gold bullion is embroidered around the button hole.

#### **POSITION OF RANK INSIGNIA – OFFICER CADETS**

- 5.** Officer cadets are to wear rank insignia as follows:
- a. **White Gorget Patch.** A white gorget patch, 55mm by 30mm, is to be worn on each lapel of the SD tunic, immediately above the lapel step openings.
  - b. **Air Force Blue 'Australia' Slides.** Air Force Blue 'Australia' rank slides, with a 55 mm by 30 mm white patch, are to be worn on the blue/white shirt, blue/white dress, utility jacket, pullover, cardigan, flying suits and jackets and overcoat.
  - c. **Khaki 'Australia' Slides.** Khaki "Australia" rank slides, with a 55 mm by 30 mm white patch, are to be worn with the khaki (drab) shirt
  - d. **Air Force Blue AUSTRALIA Shoulder Boards.** Air Force Blue AUSTRALIA shoulder boards with eagle and crown and a 55 mm by 30 mm white patch, are to be worn with Mess Dress.
  - e. **DPCU Slides.** DPCU 'Australia' slides, with a 55 mm by 30 mm black patch, are to be worn on the DPCU shirt and jacket.

**RANK INSIGNIA - WARRANT OFFICERS,  
NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS,  
AIRMEN/AIRWOMEN CLASSIFICATIONS AND NCO CADETS**

1. **Rank Slides.** Rank slides with 'AUSTRALIA' insignia are to be worn by all personnel.

**Warrant Officer of the RAAF**

2. Rank insignia for the Warrant Officer of the RAAF is denoted by the Australian Coat of Arms surrounded by a laurel wreath, worn as follows:
- a. Silver/blue embroidered cloth insignia, worn on both lower sleeves of the Service Dress tunic, positioned 16 cm from the cuff to the centre of the insignia.
  - b. Silver/blue embroidered cloth insignia on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on all shirts (other than Tropical Dress and DPCU), women's SD dress, utility jackets, Air Force Blue sweaters, cardigans, overcoats and the men's safari suit.
  - c. Brown embroidered insignia on khaki 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on men's Tropical Dress drab shirt.
  - d. Black embroidered insignia on DPCU pattern 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides worn with DPCU uniform
  - e. Woven gold insignia, worn with Mess Dress. The Air Force Blue AUSTRALIA shoulder boards also incorporate a laurel wreath in gold, embroidered around the buttonhole, and eagle and crown badges worn in accordance with Annex A.

This insignia is only to be worn by a member when actually holding the appointment of WOFFRAAF. At the completion of the appointment, normal WOFF rank insignia is to be worn.

**Warrant Officer**

3. Rank insignia for warrant officers is denoted by the Australian Coat of Arms, worn as follows:
- a. Silver/blue embroidered cloth insignia, worn on both lower sleeves of the Service Dress tunic, positioned 16 cm from the cuff to the centre of the insignia.
  - b. Silver/blue embroidered cloth insignia on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on all shirts (other than Tropical Dress and DPCU), women's SD dress, utility jackets, Air Force Blue sweaters, cardigans, overcoats and the men's safari suit.
  - c. Brown embroidered insignia on khaki 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on men's Tropical Dress shirt.
  - d. Black embroidered insignia on DPCU pattern 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides worn with DPCU uniform
  - e. Black embroidered insignia on Sage Green 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides on flying clothing.
  - f. Silver/blue machine woven cloth insignia, worn on both sleeves of PTI and Tarmac T-shirts, and on blue/grey coveralls. On T-shirts, the insignia is positioned on the centre of the crease of the sleeve, 16 cm from the top of the sleeve to the centre of the insignia. Where sleeves of these garments are not long enough to comply with this measurement, the insignia is positioned immediately above the stitching of the turn up hem. On coveralls, the insignia is worn in a corresponding position on the sleeves, approximately 27 cm from the collar seam to the centre of the insignia, thus allowing the rank to be seen if the sleeves are rolled up.

- g.** Woven Gold embroidered insignia on Air Force Blue AUSTRALIA shoulder boards are worn with Mess Dress. Eagle and crown badges are worn on the boards in accordance with Annex A.
- h.** Woven Gold embroidered insignia on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' shoulder boards, worn on the White Ceremonial jacket of staff at ADFA.

**Flight Sergeant**

**4.** Rank insignia for flight sergeants is denoted by a three bar chevron surmounted by a crown and worn as follows:

- a.** Silver/blue embroidered cloth insignia worn on both sleeves of the Service Dress tunic, positioned centrally on the sleeve, 24 cm from the top of the sleeve to the bottom of the insignia.
- b.** Silver/blue embroidered insignia on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on all shirts (other than Tropical Dress and DPCU), women's SD dress, utility jackets, Air Force blue sweaters, cardigans, overcoats, and chef's/cook's white working jacket.
- c.** Brown embroidered insignia on khaki 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on men's tropical dress shirt.
- d.** black embroidered insignia on DPCU 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn with DPCU uniform.
- e.** Black embroidered insignia on Sage Green 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides on flying clothing.
- f.** Silver/blue machine woven cloth insignia, worn on both sleeves of PTI and Tarmac Dress T-shirts, chef/cook white shirt and on blue/grey coveralls. On T-shirts and chef/cook short sleeve shirt, the insignia is positioned on the centre crease of the sleeve 24-cm from the top of the sleeve to the bottom of the insignia. Where the sleeves are not long enough to comply with this measurement, the insignia is to be positioned immediately above the stitching of the turn up of the hem. On coveralls, the insignia is worn in a corresponding position on the sleeves, approximately 35 cm from the collar seam to the bottom of the insignia.
- g.** Gold embroidered insignia on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' shoulder boards, worn with Mess Dress in accordance with Annex B.
- h.** Gold embroidered insignia on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' shoulder boards, worn on the chef's white formal jacket.
- i.** Gold embroidered insignia on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' shoulder boards, worn on the White Ceremonial jacket of staff at ADFA.

**Sergeant**

**5.** Rank for sergeants is denoted by a three bar chevron, worn as follows:

- a.** Silver/blue embroidered cloth insignia worn on both sleeves of the Service Dress tunic, positioned centrally on the sleeve, 24 cm from the top of the sleeve to the bottom of the insignia.
- b.** Silver/blue embroidered insignia on Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on all shirts (other than Tropical Dress and DPCU), women's SD dress, utility jackets, Air Force Blue sweaters, cardigans, overcoats, and chef's/cooks/cook's assistants white working jacket.
- c.** Brown embroidered insignia on khaki 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on men's tropical dress shirt.
- d.** Black embroidered insignia on DPCU 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn with DPCU uniform.
- e.** Black embroidered insignia on Sage Green 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides on flying clothing.

- f. Silver/blue machine woven cloth insignia, worn on both sleeves of PTI and Tarmac Dress T-shirts, chef/cook white shirt and on blue/grey coveralls. On T-shirts and chef/cook short sleeve shirt, the insignia is positioned on the centre crease of the sleeve 24-cm from the top of the sleeve to the bottom of the insignia. Where the sleeves are not long enough to comply with this measurement, the insignia is to be positioned immediately above the stitching of the turn up of the hem. On coveralls, the insignia is worn in a corresponding position on the sleeves, approximately 35 cm from the collar seam to the bottom of the insignia.
- g. Gold embroidered insignia on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' shoulder boards, worn with Mess Dress in accordance with Annex B.
- h. Gold embroidered insignia on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' shoulder boards, worn on the chef's white formal jacket.
- i. Gold embroidered insignia on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' shoulder boards, worn on the White Ceremonial jacket of staff at ADFA.

**Corporal**

- 6. Rank for corporals is denoted by a two bar chevron, worn as follows:
  - a. Silver/blue embroidered cloth insignia worn on both sleeves of the Service Dress tunic, positioned centrally on the sleeve, 24 cm from the top of the sleeve to the bottom of the insignia.
  - b. Silver/blue embroidered insignia on Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on all shirts (other than Tropical Dress and DPCU), women's SD dress, utility jackets, Air Force Blue sweaters, cardigans, overcoats, and chef's/cooks white working jacket.
  - c. Brown embroidered insignia on drab 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on men's tropical dress khaki shirt.
  - d. Black embroidered insignia on DPCU 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides worn with DPCU uniform.
  - e. Black embroidered insignia on Sage Green "AUSTRALIA" rank slides on flying clothing.
  - f. Silver/blue machine woven cloth insignia, worn on both sleeves of PTI and Tarmac Dress T-shirts, chef/cook white shirt and on blue/grey coveralls. On T-shirts and chef/cook short sleeve shirt, the insignia is positioned on the centre crease of the sleeve 24-cm from the top of the sleeve to the bottom of the insignia. Where the sleeves are not long enough to comply with this measurement, the insignia is to be positioned immediately above the stitching of the turn up of the hem. On coveralls, the insignia is worn in a corresponding position on the sleeves, approximately 35 cm from the collar seam to the bottom of the insignia.

**Leading Aircraftman/Aircraftwoman**

- 7. Rank for leading aircraftman/aircraftwoman is denoted by a single bar chevron, worn as follows:
  - a. Silver/blue embroidered cloth insignia worn on both sleeves of the Service Dress tunic, positioned centrally on the sleeve, 24 cm from the top of the sleeve to the bottom of the insignia.
  - b. Silver/blue embroidered insignia on Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on all shirts (other than Tropical Dress and DPCU), women's SD dress, utility jackets, Air Force blue sweaters, cardigans, overcoats, and chef's/cooks/cook's assistants white working jacket.
  - c. Brown embroidered insignia on khaki 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on men's Tropical Dress shirt.
  - d. Black embroidered insignia on DPCU 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on DPCU as appropriate.

- e. Black embroidered insignia on Sage Green 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides on flying clothing.
- f. Silver/blue machine woven cloth insignia, worn on both sleeves of PTI and Tarmac Dress T-shirts, chef/cook white shirt and on blue/grey coveralls. On T-shirts and chef/cook short sleeve shirt, the insignia is positioned on the centre crease of the sleeve 24-cm from the top of the sleeve to the bottom of the insignia. Where the sleeves are not long enough to comply with this measurement, the insignia is to be positioned immediately above the stitching of the turn up of the hem. On coveralls, the insignia is worn in a corresponding position on the sleeves, approximately 35 cm from the collar seam to the bottom of the insignia.

**Aircraftsman/Aircraftswoman**

**8.** No rank insignia is worn. However, plain rank slides and shoulder boards are worn with some uniform patterns as follows:

- a. Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides are worn on all shirts (other than Tropical Dress and DPCU items), women's SD dress, utility jackets, Air Force Blue sweaters, cardigans, overcoats, and chef's/cooks white working jacket.
- b. Khaki 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on the men's Tropical Dress shirt.
- c. DPCU 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides, worn on DPCU shirts, pullovers and jackets.
- d. Black embroidered insignia on Sage Green AUSTRALIA' rank slides on flying clothing.

**NCO Cadet**

**9.** NCO cadets wear rank insignia as follows:

- a. Silver/Blue woven insignia consisting of SGT rank surmounted by a white gorget patch is worn on both sleeves of the Service Dress (SD) tunic, positioned as for SGT (refer serial 5.a).
- b. Silver/Blue woven insignia consisting of SGT rank surmounted by a white gorget patch on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides. The patch is worn on all shirts, women's SD dress, utility jackets, Air Force Blue sweaters, cardigans and overcoats.
- c. Black embroidered insignia on Sage Green 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides on flying clothing.



## AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE BADGES OF RANK

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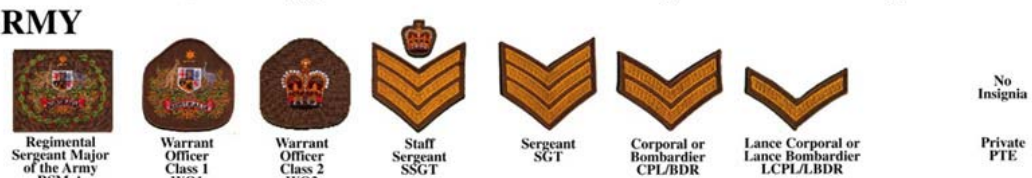
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## **RAAF RANK AND CLASSIFICATION INSIGNIA**

### **Commissioned Officers**

1. Rank for a commissioned officer of the RAAF is signified by a blue on black braid for all uniform patterns except Mess Dress and Ceremonial Dress (Attache), where gold lace rank braid is used, and DPCU where embroidered black braid is used. Officers' rank insignia is worn as follows:

- a. on the lower sleeves of Service Dress tunics;
- b. on rank slides on the shoulders of all uniform patterns with shoulder straps;
- c. on Air Force Blue shoulder boards with Mess Dress; and
- d. on Air Force Blue shoulder boards with Ceremonial Dress (Attache).

2. To facilitate rank differentiation, three basic widths of rank braid are used:

- a. broad – 50 mm blue on black braid and 25 mm half width gold lace braid,
- b. medium – 14 mm blue on black braid and 7 mm half width gold lace braid, and
- c. narrow – 5 mm blue on black braid and 2.5 mm half width gold lace braid.

3. Specific details of the rank insignia for individual officer ranks, and the manner of wearing such, are provided at Appendix 1 to Annex A.

### **Officer Cadets**

4. Officer cadets wear white gorget patches as detailed at Appendix 1 to Annex A.

### **Warrant Officer of the RAAF**

5. Rank for the Warrant Officer of the RAAF is signified by an Australian Coat of Arms surrounded by a laurel wreath worn as follows:

- a. on the lower sleeves of Service Dress tunics, and
- b. on rank slides on the shoulders of all garments with epaulettes.

6. Rank on the Mess Dress is signified by an Australian Coat of Arms worn on Air Force Blue shoulder boards, the boards also incorporating a laurel wreath in gold embroidered around the button hole.

7. Specific details regarding the positioning of the rank insignia on RAAF uniforms are provided at Appendix 2 to Annex A.

### **Warrant Officers**

8. Rank for Warrant Officers is signified by an Australian Coat of Arms insignia worn as follows:

- a. on the lower sleeves of Service Dress tunics,
- b. on rank slides on the shoulders of all garments with epaulettes.
- c. on Air Force Blue shoulder boards with Mess Dress , and

- d. on Air Force Blue shoulder boards with the Mess Supervisor's white jacket and white short sleeve shirt.

9. Specific details regarding the positioning of the Australian Coat of Arms insignia on RAAF uniforms are provided at Appendix 2 to Annex A.

#### **Non-Commissioned Officers**

10. Rank for non-commissioned officers is signified by chevrons (surmounted by a crown for FSGT) worn as follows:

- a. on the upper sleeves of Service Dress tunics,
- b. on rank slides on the shoulders of all garments with epaulettes,
- c. on Air Force Blue shoulder boards with the Mess Supervisor's white jacket and the chef's white formal jacket.

11. Specific details regarding the positioning of SNCO and NCO rank insignia on RAAF uniforms is provided at Appendix 2 to Annex A.

#### **Airmen and Airwomen**

12. Rank for airmen and airwomen classified as LAC or LACW is signified by a single bar chevron worn in a similar manner to non-commissioned officers as detailed at Appendix 2. Airmen and airwomen classified as AC or ACW do not wear rank insignia.

#### **NCO Cadets**

13. NCO cadets wear sergeant rank insignia surmounted by a white gorget patch.

#### **Officer Training School Students' Insignia**

14. PAF and Reserve personnel undergoing initial officer training at Officer Training School (OTS) Point Cook wear an Air Force Blue or DPCU ÖTS" rank slide for the duration of their course, in lieu of their appointed rank. These rank slides may only be worn within the confines of RAAF Williams or during field exercises or weapons training in other locations. These slides are not to be worn by personnel engaged in representational or ceremonial tasks nor when they are required to travel outside RAAF Williams, in uniform, to attend medical appointments, uniform fittings and similar commitments.

**HEADWEAR AND ASSOCIATED ACCOUTREMENTS AND EMBELLISHMENTS****Cap, SD, Air Force Blue (Worn by Males and Females)**

1. Cap and Hat Badge Description:
  - a. *Officers of Air Rank and Principal Air Chaplains.* The badge comprises a laurel wreath surmounted by a lion and crown, all in gold bullion embroidery, with an eagle in gilt metal superimposed. Service Dress Caps have two rows of gold oak leaves on a black patent leather peak. Female hats have two rows of gold oak leaves on the hat's cloth peak.
  - b. *Group Captain.* The badge comprises an eagle in gilt metal above entwined laurel leaves of gold bullion embroidery, surmounted by a crown of gold embroidery. Service Dress Caps have one row of gold oak leaves on a black patent leather peak. Female hats have one row of gold oak leaves on the hat's cloth peak.
  - c. *Officers of the Rank of Wing Commander and Below.* The badge comprises an eagle in gilt metal above entwined laurel leaves of gold bullion embroidery, surmounted by a crown of gold embroidery, with a plain Air Force Blue cloth peak.
  - d. *Warrant Officer.* The badge comprises a gilt metal eagle and laurel leaves, surmounted by a gilt metal crown.
  - e. *Flight Sergeant and Below and NCO Cadet.* The badge comprises an anodised gilt metal 'RAAF' within a wreath of wattle, surmounted by a crown.
2. *Position of hat badge on cap.* On Service Dress caps the badge is sewn centrally on the joint of the mohair band, positioned immediately above the chinstrap. .
3. *HAT SD (Female Version).* This is an optional item of uniform, which may be worn by females as part of working dress. With officers, a smaller version of the Service Dress cap badge is sewn centrally on the mohair band, with the bottom of the badge 3 mm above the bottom of the hatband. For all other ranks, the badge is the same as that worn on the SD Cap.

**Cap, Garrison, Air Force Blue**

4. Cap and Badge Description:
  - a. *Officers of Air Rank and Principal Air Chaplains.* The badge comprises a gold embroidered eagle and crown surmounted by a lion. A single row of sky blue cloth is sewn along the top edge of the turned up sides of the cap and turned back peak.
  - b. *Officers Other Than Air Rank, Chaplains and Officer Cadets.* The badge comprises a gold embroidered eagle and crown.
  - c. *Warrant Officer.* The badge comprises a silver/blue-embroidered representation of the warrant officer SD cap badge.
  - d. *Flight Sergeant and Below and NCO Cadet.* The badge comprises a silver/blue-embroidered representation of the airman's SD cap badge.
5. *Position of Cap Badge.* The badge is worn on the left front side of the cap, positioned vertically midway on the turned up side with the centre of the badge 4 cm from the front of the cap.

**Cap Utility, WD Air Force Blue**

6. Cap Badge description:
- Officers and Officer Cadets.* A gold embroidered eagle and crown, as for the garrison cap.
  - Warrant Officer.* A silver/blue embroidered badge as for the garrison cap.
  - Flight Sergeant and Below and NCO Cadet.* A silver/blue embroidered badge as for the garrison cap.
7. *Position of cap badge.* The badge is positioned centrally on the front of the cap, with the bottom of the badge 2 cm above the peak seam.

**Hat Fur Felt, Khaki**

8. Cap badges worn on the hat fur felt khaki are the same as those worn with the SD Cap and are positioned centrally on the front of the Air Force blue puggaree, with the bottom of the badge in line with the bottom edge of the puggaree.

**Blue Beret**

9. Cap badge description.
- Officer, Ground Defence.* A gold embroidered eagle and crown as for the garrison cap.
  - Warrant Officer, Airfield Defence Guard.* A silver/blue embroidered badge as for the garrison cap.
  - Flight Sergeant and Below, Airfield Defence Guard.* A silver/blue embroidered badge as for the garrison cap.
10. *Position and Remarks.* The badge is worn on the left front of the beret, positioned vertically 1cm above the band and 4cm from the centre of the badge to the centre front of the beret.
11. *Wearing of the Beret.* The beret may be worn with
- DPCU and CWD when those uniforms are worn as working dress, but not when they are worn in an operational environment;
  - Service Dress uniform (other than Service Dress 1A) when that uniform is worn as a working dress;
  - It may not be worn:**
    - with Tropical Dress;
    - with any order of dress at ceremonial events, including Ceremonial Dress 4A, 4B and 4C.** The only exception to this is at RAAFSFS for working or graduation parades where the beret may be worn, when appropriate, with DPCU, CWD and Ceremonial Dress 4B and 4C;
    - when undertaking representational duties;** or
    - when commanders, for legitimate reasons, require commonality of dress, eg when undertaking certain training courses.
12. *United Nations Beret.* The beret may be worn by members of an officially sanctioned United Nations Contingent. It may also be worn by Air Force personnel, marching or forming part of an ex-UN personnel contingent at **official** UN Commemorative ceremonies. It may not be worn by Air Force personnel forming part of a ceremonial guard for duties other than United Nations duties.

## BRASSARDS

1. Armlets are provided to enable ready identification of specific personnel. The armlets are worn on the left upper arm only, with the exception of the SP Brassard, which is worn on the right upper arm. All brassards, with the exception of the SP Brassard are to wear the appropriately coloured Air Force patch at the top of the Brassard in a position similar to the garment being worn.
2. The following armlets are authorised for wear only when the member is actually carrying out a specific duty:
  - a. **Orderly Member.** Black cloth 9.5 cm wide, with 4 mm scarlet edge, and the letters 'OM' 5 cm high in scarlet cloth centrally placed (NSN 8455-66-013-2937).
  - b. **Movements.** Red cloth, 9 cm wide with an 8 spoked yellow wheel of 7.6 cm diameter centrally placed (NSN 8455-66-024-1831).
  - c. **Bomb Disposal.** Light blue cloth, 9 cm wide, with bomb separating letters 'B' and 'D' within a laurel wreath embroidered in light blue on dark blue background. To be worn with the authority of the officer in charge of EOD flight at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills.
  - d. **Military Service Instructor.** Brassard of the same material for the uniform being worn at the time. The letters 'MSI' surmounted by a laurel wreath to be stitched in the appropriate colour to suit the garment being worn. To be worn by members employed as Military Skills Instructors at unit level.
  - e. **SECPOL Brassard.** The SECPOL Brassard is of black cloth with the letters 'SP' centrally embroidered in white lettering. The brassard is only to be issued and worn by members of the RAAF Security and Policing Service (RAAFSFS), SECPOLO and SECPOL and is to be worn on the right upper arm attached to the epaulette with the following uniforms:
    - (1) Combined Working Dress (CWD) No 7.
    - (2) Disruptive Pattern Combat Uniform (DPCU) No 8.
    - (3) Service Dress, only when the jumper is worn.
  - f. **Red Cross Brassard.** The Red Cross Brassard (RAAF Ident 8455-66-139-1754) is of a DPCU pattern with a red 'cross' embroidered on a 9 cm x 9 cm white background. The DPCU cloth 'Air Force' patch is located centrally 1cm below the top seam. To be worn by all health personnel staff and chaplains and their staff deployed on exercises or operations. The Red Cross brassard is to be issued as part of the E2 Scale kitting. Non health personnel serving with health elements are also required to wear the Red Cross brassard.

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